GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REGULAR AIR SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to start regular air service from some more airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has held any kind of talks with different aviation companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which regular air service is likely to be started from the said airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (e):- Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

At present scheduled domestic air services are available to/from 76 airports, across the country.